



Central South Dakota Outdoor Report

Wildlife Division – Region 2



Brule/Buffalo Counties

Diana Schroeder



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

The walleye bite has slowed down recently in the Chamberlain area. Fishermen have been catching smaller walleyes 14-16 inches in the Chamberlain area. The walleye bite has slowed down at Ft. Thompson as well. Lake Sharpe near Iron Nation has been the place to go for catching walleyes lately. The minimum length restriction is 15". One walleye over 20" is still in effect. The daily possession limit is 4 walleyes. The fish cleaning stations are open in the Chamberlain area and Ft. Thompson. The area between the Interstate Bridge and Railroad Bridge is open to fishing from a boat until December.

Be sure to double check your boat safety equipment (sufficient life jackets for everyone on board, fire extinguisher, and a throw able device) and boat registration before hitting the water.



Hunting Report:

The September Canada Goose season opened September 1st through the 30th. Daily limit 15; possession limit 45. Be sure to check the boundaries of the open areas in Brule and Buffalo Counties. The boundary includes SD Hwy 34, east of Lees Blvd., southeast to SD Hwy 34, east 7 miles to 350th Ave., south to I-90 on 350th Ave., south and east on SD Hwy 50 to Geddes. An annual small game or combination license, state migratory bird certification, and federal waterfowl stamp are required for hunting this season.

Dove season opened September 1st until November 9th. Daily limit, 15; possession limit 45. There is no shortage of doves in the area lately. Dove shooting hours is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. A person may not hunt mourning doves on or within 50 yards of a public road. A person may not shoot a mourning dove unless the bird is flying. A person may not hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells. A small game license and migratory bird certification is required.

Pheasant brood routes numbers have increased 76% more than last year state-wide.

Youth/Mentor deer season opens September 13th.

Campbell County

Doug DeLaRoi



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Small lakes have had very little use with no reports.



Hunting Report:

Good numbers of doves and geese in the area.

Corson/Dewey Counties

Shawn Madison:



Fishing Report:

Pudwell Dam: Good fish populations including several year classes of walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, and perch. Fishing activity has been low.

Morristown East: No activity but stocking efforts past two years has been successful for largemouth and crappies. Fish size is small. Some northern pike.

Morristown West: No activity. Perch stockings have been successful ranging from 8-10 inches.

Trail City Dam: Little to no activity and a lot of small northern pike showed up in surveys.

Little Moreau #1: Activity low but casting lures are good for pike and bass. Some large crappies and bluegill.

Little Moreau #2: Catching nice size rainbow trout on lures and corn with salmon eggs. Stocked 1200 Rainbow trout in the beginning of June 2014.

Isabel Lake: Some activity. Walleyes being caught using trolling crank baits and spinners. Largemouth bass have been biting. Nice population of bluegill, some large being caught. Fish from the new fishing dock.

Eagle Butte Dam: Little activity. Year classes of bluegill look very good ranging from 6-8 inches. Recently stocked largemouth bass are doing well but are small between 5-6 inches



Hunting Report:

Dove season opened on September 1st. Lots of doves in area with reports of good success. Hunt harvested fields close to water and cover. Unit 1 Canada goose opened on September 1st as well. Lots of local geese in the area. Hunters should have plenty of luck. Do your scouting and don't forget to ask permission.

Charles Mix/Douglas Counties

Jeff Martin



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

Cooler weather should have water temps coming down and the bite should be picking up soon. No reports as of yet.



Hunting Report:

Cooler weather seems to be here, should be good for early goose season. Get out and scout to find some birds. Plan a dove shoot before cooler weather sends them packing.

Gregory County

Hans Walleser



Fishing Report:

Common Snipe season opened September 1.
Daily limit of 5, possession of 15.

Daily limit for walleye is 4, possession limit is 8. **Minimum size limit of 15 inches.** You may **only keep 1 fish over 20 inches.** Only 2 fishing poles are allowed per person. Do not fish with more than 2! You must be able to see your poles/lines for them to be considered attended. Don't leave your lines in the water if you can't see them. Catfish are biting below Fort Thompson and Fort Randall Dams.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Conservation Officer Hans Walleser at 605-775-2475 or PO Box 433 Burke, SD 57523. Have fun. Be safe.



Hunting Report:

Archery antelope season is open.
Lyman, Todd, Tripp, and Gregory Counties are closed to antelope harvest.

Dove season opens September 1.
Daily limit is 15. Possession limit is 45.
You may not hunt on or within 50 yards of a public road
You may not shoot at a dove not flying
You may not hunt doves with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells
You may not hunt doves in state park or recreation areas, except that portion of Angostura State Recreation Area lying west of the dam
Migratory Bird Certification: All mourning dove hunters must complete and **purchase the South Dakota Migratory Bird Certification**

Cottontail rabbit season opened September 1.
Daily limit of 10, possession of 30.

Tree squirrel season opened September 1.
Daily limit of 5, possession of 15.

Crow season opened September 1.
Unlimited daily and possession limits.

Hyde/Hand Counties

Cory Flor



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*
No Report



Hunting Report:
No Report

Hughes County

John Murphy



Fishing Report:

No Report



Hunting Report:

Dove hunting is good. Good chance the doves will leave this week due to a cold front coming through the area. Hunters are reminded they need to use still shot on certain public lands and to check the hunting handbook for regulations.

Jones County

Dan Dobesh



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below
No Report



Hunting Report:
No Report

Lyman County

Dan Dobesh



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below
No Report



Hunting Report:
No Report

Potter County

Brad Saltsman



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below:*

Potts Dam – No Fishing Activity,
Lake Hurley –Anglers are catching small perch and bullheads
Simon Dam – No Fishing Activity.



Hunting Report:

Dove – Hunters are finding fair numbers of doves in Potter county and Walworth County
Goose – Hunting is better in the northeast corner of Potter county around the Tolstoy area.

Several small lakes and sloughs have been holding resident geese.

Stanley County
Josh Thompson



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

Fishermen are reminded that the daily limit for walleye is 4, of which only 1 of those 4 walleye may be 20 inches or longer.

The minimum length limit for walleye caught on Lake Sharpe is 15 inches.

Twin Dams – Little fishing activity observed.

Hayes Lake – Little fishing activity observed.

Ft. Pierre Nat. Grasslands – Fishermen have been having some good success catching bass and blue gill on some of the ponds.

Lake Oahe – Slow fishing activity. Seeing a lot of shorter walleye.

Lake Sharpe – Slow fishing activity. Catfish bite has been pretty good at the mouth of the Bad River. LaFramboise Island has also been a popular place in the evenings. Fishermen have been catching a few white bass and the occasional walleye.



Hunting Report:

Crow, Common Snipe, Cottontail Rabbit, Tree Squirrel and the Mourning Dove season all started on Sept. 1st.

Dove – Haven't seen quite as many doves in the last few days. Now is the time to get out there. With the possibility of cool weather in the upcoming week, we could see more of the birds start to push south.

For any further information, Game, Fish & Parks hunting and fishing handbooks are available at local licensing agents; or you can visit the SD Game, Fish & Parks website at www.gfp.sd.gov.

Sully County
Andy Schmahl



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

Cottonwood Lake: Fishing has been VERY slow at Cottonwood Lake in Sully County.

Lake Oahe: Fishing has been pretty tough for walleyes on Lake Oahe since early July. Most fisherman are seeing very little success.



Hunting Report:

Dove Hunting: Dove numbers in Sully County seem pretty good all over. Certain places are absolutely loaded with doves.

Canada Goose Hunting: Canada Goose numbers in eastern Sully County are not very good due to a lack of water throughout the summer. Scouting will be very important for goose hunting success.

Tripp/Todd/Mellette Counties

Matt Hill



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Walworth County

Doug DeLaRoi/Brad Saltsman



Fishing Report: See Missouri River report below

Small lakes have seen little use with some success catching small perch and bullheads.



Hunting Report:

Good numbers of doves and geese in the area.

Missouri River report:

Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe

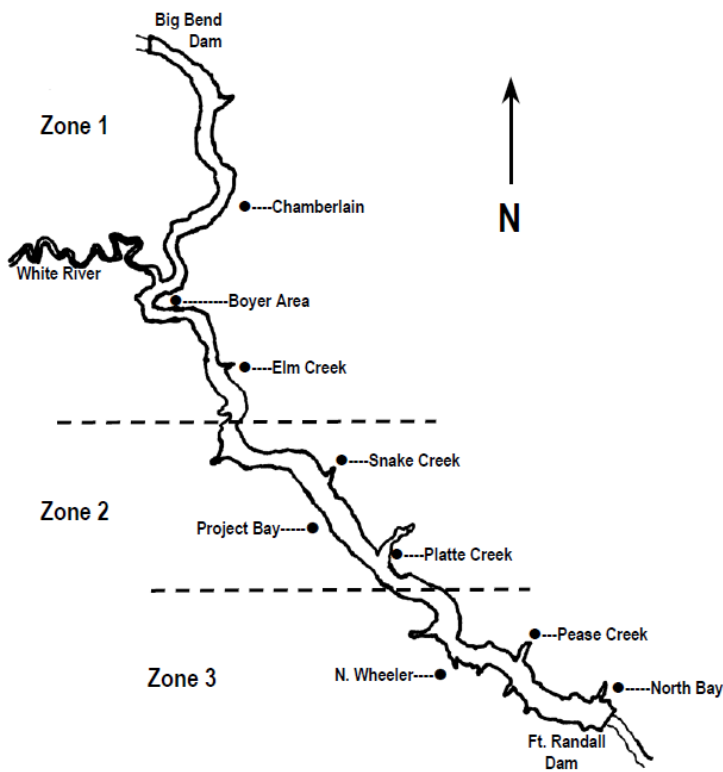
Kyle Potter

Lake Oahe

No Report

Lake Sharpe

No Report



Lake Francis Case

Rachel Tribble

Zone 1 – The walleye bite has been tough throughout the upper third of the reservoir. Anglers are catching some smaller fish, and very few limits are being brought in. The walleye bite is slightly better along the bluffs at Big Bend Dam, with some 14 -16 inch walleyes being kept.

Zone 2 – The walleye bite has slowed down quite a bit around Platte and Snake Creeks. A few anglers are still catching some larger walleyes over the trees, but most walleyes being kept are 13-16 inches. Anglers are also catching a fair amount a smallmouth bass in these areas.

Zone 3 – The walleye bite in the lower part of the reservoir has picked up recently. Many anglers are catching their limit of walleyes with a few smaller ones being caught as well.

The walleye regulations changed July 1. There is no minimum length limit on walleyes in July and August. However, the one walleye over 20 inches per day is still in effect.